10	Madhya Pradesh@ .	118
11	Manipur@ . .	1042
12	Punjab@ . .	14997
13	Rajasthan@ . .	439
14	Tamil Nadu£†† .	170
15	Tripura% . .	47
16	Uttar Pradesh% .	914
17	West Bengal% .	531
18	Karnataka% . .	197
19	Goa% . . .	4
	TOTAL	*59720

†Fig. as on 3/93
@Fig. as on 6/93
%Fig. as on 9/93
††Fig. as on 11/93

*39031 persons have been released on bail.

Terrorists holed up in Hazarathal Shrine

751. SHRI G. G. SWELL:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information that terrorists holed up inside Hazrat Bal Shrine had acted under the instruction of ISI and they surrndered unconditionally;

(b) whether it is a fact that they were about to surrender but went back udner the background of American Assistant Secretary Ms. Robin Raphel's statement that accession of Kashmir to India is disputed by US Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that non-Kashmsri i.e. Pakistani and Afghan terrorists were holed up in Hazrat Bal Shrine;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) which are the Islamic Countries that have disapproved misuse of the Shrine by terorists or criticised India for laying 'seige' around terrorists holed up in Shrine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At the relevant time, negotiations with the militants made the Shrine were at a critical state and a solution appeared imminent. However, almost immediately after certain statements on the Kashmir made by the American Assistant Secretary of State, Ms. Robin Raphel, the attitude of the militants hardened and the negotiations were abruptly disrupted.

(c) and d) Among the militants who surrendered and came out of the Shrine on 16-11-93, two are foreigners who claim to be from POK. Further inquiries, to establish their background and antecedents, are continuing.

(e) The Kuwaiti National Assembly issued a Communique expressing deep concern about the continuation of the recent events in J. & K. While urging the Indian Government to hasten the end of the seige of the Mosque and release of those who took refuge inside, it hoped for an "end of the crisis by good intentions, reasons and negotiations". The Organisation of Islamic Conference (DIC), an international organisation based in Jaddah with 51 countries as members, issued three Statements/Communiques adversely referring to Indian Government's actions regarding developments concerning Hazrat Bal Shrine. Only the bilateral exchange Governments of Islamic countries indicated their objection to a religious place being used by violent elements. However, there was uniform concern among them that the Indian security forces should not damage the shrine while trying to flush out or

capture the terrorist elements. There was general appreciation amongst Islamic countries apart from Pakistan and in the international community of the manner in which the Government of India and the State Government defused ...

Militants at Hazratbal Shrine

752. SHRI G. G. SWELL:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) since when Government received the information regarding the militants equipped with arms and ammunition holed up inside the Hazratbal Shrine in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of army officials and civilians deputed by Government after receiving this information alongwith the period for which they were deployed for making the militants holed up inside the Shrine surrender togetherwith the details of expenditure incurred on them;

(c) the date, time and their terms on which the militants hold up inside the Shrine, surrendered alongwith the details of their terms which were accepted; and

(d) what was the total number of militants alongwith the number of foreign militants against whom cases were filed and the number of those who were released and on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) On 15th October, 1993, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir got information that two locks on the outer doors of the premises in which the Holy Relic is kept, in the Hazaratbal Shrine, had been tampered with. The Government immediately had the Shrine inspected by the representatives of the Managemtnt i.e. the Muslim Aquaf Trust, who confirmed that the two outer locks had been tampered, but the Holy Relic was safe. With a view to preventing further mischief and isolating the militants who were suspected to be inside the Shrine at that time, the complex was cordoned off by the security forces. Appropriate deployment of police and security forces was also made in the area and elsewhere in the town to prevent any breach of peace and public order in the wake of this incident. Two additional Battalions of the CRPF were provided to the State Government for this purpose.

Senior State Government officials viz the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and I. G. of Police, Kashmir and later the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) and the Chief Secretary of the State were deputed for discussions with the militants directly and through non-official mediators, with the aim of pursuading the militants to vacate the Shrine, release the innocent civilians held hostage by them, and give themselves up peacefully alongwith their weapons.

As personnel of the State Government, Police and Security Forces are in any case engaged in the task of maintaining law and order in the State, it is not feasible to identify any specific expenditure incurred in the context of this incident.

On the night intervening 15 and 16 Nov. 1993, between 0200 hours and 0500 hours, 62 persons who were inside the Shrine came out and surrendered themselves with their arms and were taken to a nearly building for being screened. There was no deal with the militants. The State Government had categorically stated that all those found innocent would be released immediately, while the remaining persons would be subjected to the due process of law.